T-680 Aaron Dyott House St. Michaels private

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Survey No. T-680

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No. 2106802504

1. Name	(indicate pref	erred name)		
historic	AARON DYOTT	HOUSE		
and/or common				
2. Locatio	n			
street & number	216 East Che	estnut Street		not for publication
city, town	St.Michaels	vicinity of	congressional district	First
state	Maryland	county	Talbot	
3. Classif	ication			
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4. Owner	of Propert	y (give names ar	nd mailing addresses	s of <u>all</u> owners)
name	William and	Carol Stout		
street & number	216 East Che	stnut Street	telephone no	.:
city, town	St. Michaels	state	and zip code MD	21663
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7. Description

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Located at 216 East Chestnut Street, the Aaron Dyott house is twostory, three-bay frame dwelling that stands in the center of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The frame structure faces north with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Proabably built during the third quarter of the nineteenth century, the two-story, frame house is supported by a brick pier foundation and it is sheathed with a mixture of German siding and plain weatherboards. The medium pitched gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block are two sections which step down in elevation.

The north (main) facade is an asymmetrical three-bay elevation with a side entrance and flanking four-over-four sash windows. The four-panel front door is framed by three-light sidelights and a divided light transom. The adjacent windows are framed by louvered shutters. Stretching across the first floor is a well-preserved Victorian porch with turned posts, eave brackets, and a square baluster handrail. The second floor is marked by three unevenly spaced four-over-four sash windows also hung with louvered shutters.

The west end of the main block is fully covered by a two-story bay window with four-over-four sash windows lighting each floor. Each window retains louvered shutters as well. The roof of the bay is on the same level as the main house. Rising against the east gable end is a narrow brick chimney finished with a corbelled cap.

The south (rear) elevation is covered largely by the two-part service wing which steps down from a two-story elevation to a single story height. An interior end brick chimney rises through the two-story part. A combination of four-over-four and six-over-six sash windows light the rear wing, and a shed roofed pantry extends off the south side.

The interior of the main block has been remodeled with the removal of the hall partition to consolidate the first floor into one large room. A mid nineteenth century Civil War era mantel is fixed to the east wall, and later built-in bookcases fill the wall spaces to each side. The stair rises partially enclosed behind the living room wall. The exposed part of the stair features a turned newel post, turned balusters, and a simple handrail. A board door permits access into the stair closet. A second stair is located in the kitchen behind a beaded board partition, and a beaded board and batten door opens into another stair closet. Fixed in the west exterior wall is a two-panel door.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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name/title	Paul B. Touart	Architect	ural Hist	orian	
organization	Private Consul	tant	da	ate 10/11/88	
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Shaw House

21 State Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

(301) 269-2438

YEAR: 1978 VOL: 524 PAGE: 29

FROM: James Artie Bowersox and Sharon Harrington Bowersox PRICE: \$60,500

TO: William A. Stout and Carol W. Stout

NOTES Begins on S side of Chestnut Street at the former James Dyott lot, 58 feet from division of Dyott's lot and the lot formerly Annie Kemp; run E with Chestnut Street 32 feet to the NW corner of a lot formerly John D. Caulk; with Caulk S 122 feet to an alley and the former Dr. John Miller's Addition; with the alley 32 feet; then straight to the beginning; there is another parcel 8 feet wide on Chestnut Street by 122 feet deep included in the lot, making a total of 40 feet front on Chestnut Street. NOTE: there is no indication in the deed—or earlier deeds— as to which side of the lot the 8-foot strip is added! 1978, 524/31 is a mortgage to Gibraltar Building & Loan Assn.

Conveyed to Bowersox by White 1974, 48/484.

YEAR: 1974 VOL: 488 PAGE: 484

FROM: John P. White and Clarissa T. White PRICE:

TO: James Artie Bowersox and Sharon Harrington Bowersox

NOTES To White by Pfister 1967, 418/429.

YEAR: 1967 VOL: 418 PAGE: 429

FROM: Haymo V. Pfister and Marjorie E. Pfister PRICE:

TO: John P. White and Clarissa T. White NOTES To Pfister by Hubbard 1962, 380/428.

YEAR: 1962 VOL: 380 PAGE: 428

FROM: Martin M. Hubbard and Ruth E. Hubbard PRICE: \$5,700

TO: Haymo V. Pfister and Marjorie E. Pfister

NOTES Part of the property conveyed to Hubbard by Ringgold 1955, 323/387.

YEAR: 1955 VOL: 323 PAGE: 387

FROM: Roger R.. Ringgold and Emily L. Ringgold PRICE:

TO: Martin M. Hubbard and Ruth E. Hubbard

NOTES Two contiguous lots - 32' and 8 feet on Chestnut Street making a total of 40 feet frontage. The 32' lot is 122 feet deep while the 8 foot lot is only 120 feet deep!

Another parcel on the deed is a lot on Railroad Avenue.

To Ringgold by Hubbard and Warner, Executors, 1954,315/477.

YEAR: 1954 VOL: 315 PAGE: 477

FROM: Martin M. Hubbard and James E. Warner, Extrs.* PRICE: \$4,650

TO: Roger R. Ringgold and Emily L. Ringgold

NOTES *Executors of the will of Harry P. Shannahan, dcd. (Will 1953, 28/291)

To Martha Elizabeth Shannahan by Edward T. Miller 1930, 223/68.

YEAR: 1930 VOL: 223 PAGE: 68

FROM: Edward T. Miller (single) PRICE:

TO: Martha Elizabeth Shannahan and Harry P. Shannahan

NOTES Parcel 1 is the same conveyed to James A. Dyott by James Dyott 1878,85/132

and part of that conveyed to James Dyott by John C. Dyott 1872, 78/201.

The 8-foot strip is part of 1872, 78/201 and went James Dyott on death of his father James A. Dyott.

Conveyed to Edward Miller by Shannahan in a title clearance:

1930, 2223/66 Martha Elizabeth Shannahan and Harry P. Shannahan. Martha

Elizabeth Shannahan was formerly Martha Elizabeth Dyott.

Conveyed to Martha Elizabeth Dyott by M. Tilghman Johnston, atty. 1929, 220/238.

YEAR: 1929 VOL: 220 PAGE: 238

FROM: M. Tilghman Johnston, atty. PRICE: \$1,100

TO: Martha Elizabeth Dyott

NOTES Sale made to Martha Elizabeth Dyott on foreclosure on a mortgage, James A. Dyott and Mary M. Dyott to Ernest Milton Dyott and Louise B. Dyott 1927, 208/446.

Is same lot conveyed to James A. Dyott by James and ELizabeth Dyott 1878, 85/132 and part of that conveyed to James Dyott by John C. Dyott 1872, 78/201 (apparently this is the 8-foot strip).

YEAR: 1878 VOL: 85 PAGE: 132

FROM: James Dyott and Elizabeth L. Dyott PRICE: \$100

TO: James A. Dyott

NOTES Begins at a point on James Dyott's lot 58 feet from the division line of said Dyott's lot and Ann Kemp's lot; run E on Chestnut Street 32 feet to the NW corner of John D. Caulk...etc.

This deed marks the beginning of the T-680 lot, the 32 feet being taken off of the 90 feet purchased by James Dyott from John C. Dyott in 1872 (78/201).

YEAR: 1872 VOL: 78 PAGE: 201

FROM: John C. Dyott, Elmira, New York PRICE: \$600

TO: James Dyott

NOTES Begins at the NW corner of the heirs of John D. Caulk; runs 120 feet to the boundary alley; W with the Alley 90 feet to Ann Kemp's lot; 120 feet with Kemp to Chestnut Street and 90 feet to the beginning.

To John C. Dyott by Aaron Dyott 1854, 65/431

YEAR: 1854 VOL: 65 PAGE: 431

FROM: Aaron Dyott and Lavinia Dyott PRICE: \$500

TO: John C. Dyott (of Baltimore)

NOTES Begins at the NE corner of this lot; run with John D. Caulk 120 feet to Boundary Alley; then 75 feet MORE OR LESS to William Kemp; 120 feet to Chestnut Street; then 75 feet to the beginning. Subject to a mortgage of \$150 to Morris Colston and Joseph H. Harrison.

No deed showing Aaron Dyott's purchase of the property has been found. That he bought the lot before 1850 may be inferred from a statement in deed 1850, 62/372 Harrington & Benson to Aaron Dyott which applies to the adjacent lot (214 Chestnut Street). This deed states that the lot is between "William T. Kemp and Aaron Dyott".

Aaron Dyott probably bought this lot from Harrington & Benson. Dyott's heirs are named in an "Ejectment Suit" brought by John Dorgan's heirs in 1882 against the current (1882) owners of Chestnut Street lots which had been sold between 1848 and 1854 by Harrington & Benson.

In 1848, (61/451) Nathan Harrington and James Benson bought 50 acres of land from the heirs of borgan, Jr., then living in Baltimore. Although the deed gives as its first course the back of the lots on the south side of Chestnut Street, Harrington and Benson began selling these lots -- which they did not own. No other deed from the Dorgans to Harrington and Benson has been found and there is no reference to any other.

The "Ejectment Suit" probably never was tried. No record of it has been found and there is no break in any of the titles to the lots in question. Denny Williams filed a suit against the Dorgans for "false ejectment" but no record of the outcome -- if any -- was found.

John Dorgan, Jr. bought the land from his father in 1829 (48/296).

John Dorgan, Sr. acquired the property from the heirs of Thomas Sherwood as the result of a decision of the Chancery Court in 1812. (1812, 36/291 and 1813,36/288)

The following deeds take the land back to the auction of Philip Wetheral's real estate in 1778:

William Harrison to Thomas Sherwood 1785, 23/115

James Wignal to William Harrison 1786, 23/116

John Thompson to James Wignal 1784, 21/413

James Braddock to John Thompson Will 1782

Thomas Kemp and Robert Richardson (estate of Philip Wetheral) to James Braddock 1778, 21/66

The lot is close to the edge of "The Beach" patented to John Hollingsworth in 1665.

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Twenty-four ejectmennt suits were placed on the docket of the Circuit Court on Saturday, by Charles H. Gibson, Esq., attorney for the heirs of John

Dorgan, Sr.

The property in dispute is situated on the south side of East Chestnut street, St. Michaels, and the tenants in possession are Denny Williams, Charlotte L. Jump, Charles W. Willey, John H. Wales, James Dyott, James A. Dyott, Oliver Caulk, Charles Caulk and George Caulk. The property consists of six lots and improvements, and is worth probably \$5,000. The present occu pants claim them by right of paper titles, and adverse possession. cases present some interesting features, and nice points of law. They will be tried in November. Fayette Gibson, Esq., appears for the defendands in twenty one of the cases, and Ex-Gov. Thomas in three.

John Dorgan died intestate about 1830 seized and possessed, it is alleged. of the property, which has never been conveyed away by his heirs. He left four children,—a son and three daught. The son died and left three heirs, Theo. Dorgan, who is now in the stove business in Baltimore, and two others who also live in Baltimore. One of the daughters married Mark Sewell, and left heirs. Another married the father of O. P. Sparks, Esq., and another married Jno. D. Caulk, and left a num ber of heirs. If the ejectment suits are ence in e sustained, the property will go to these heirs.

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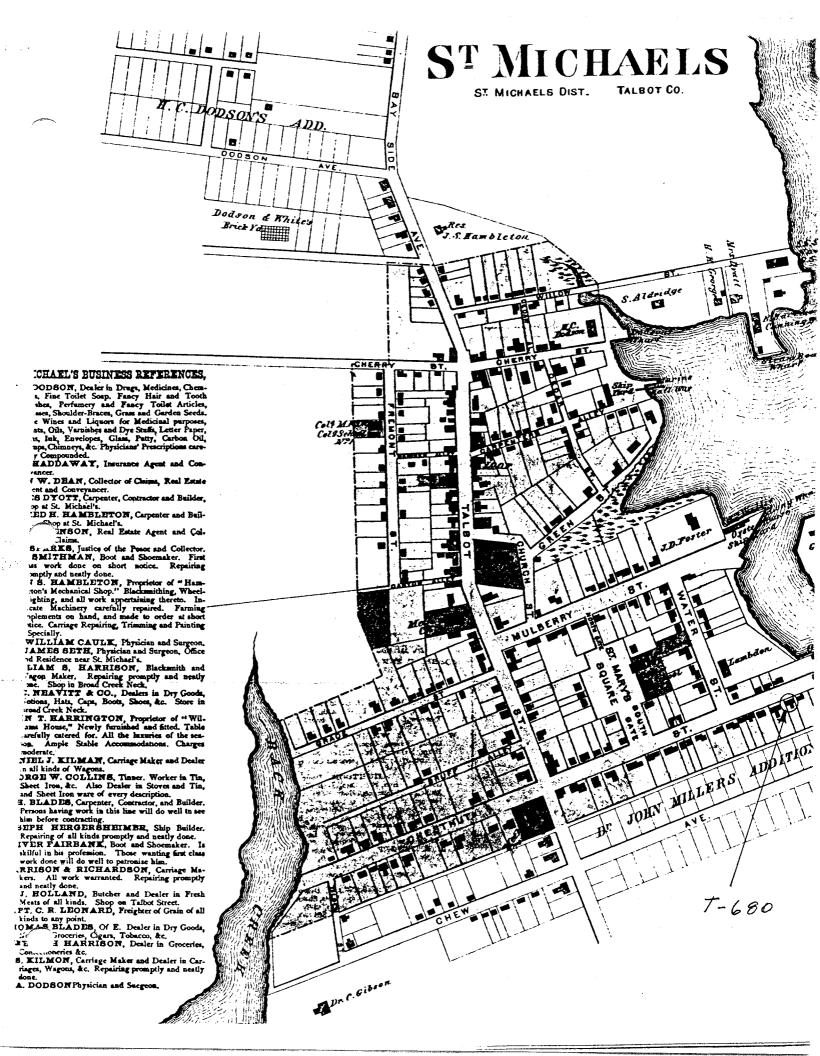
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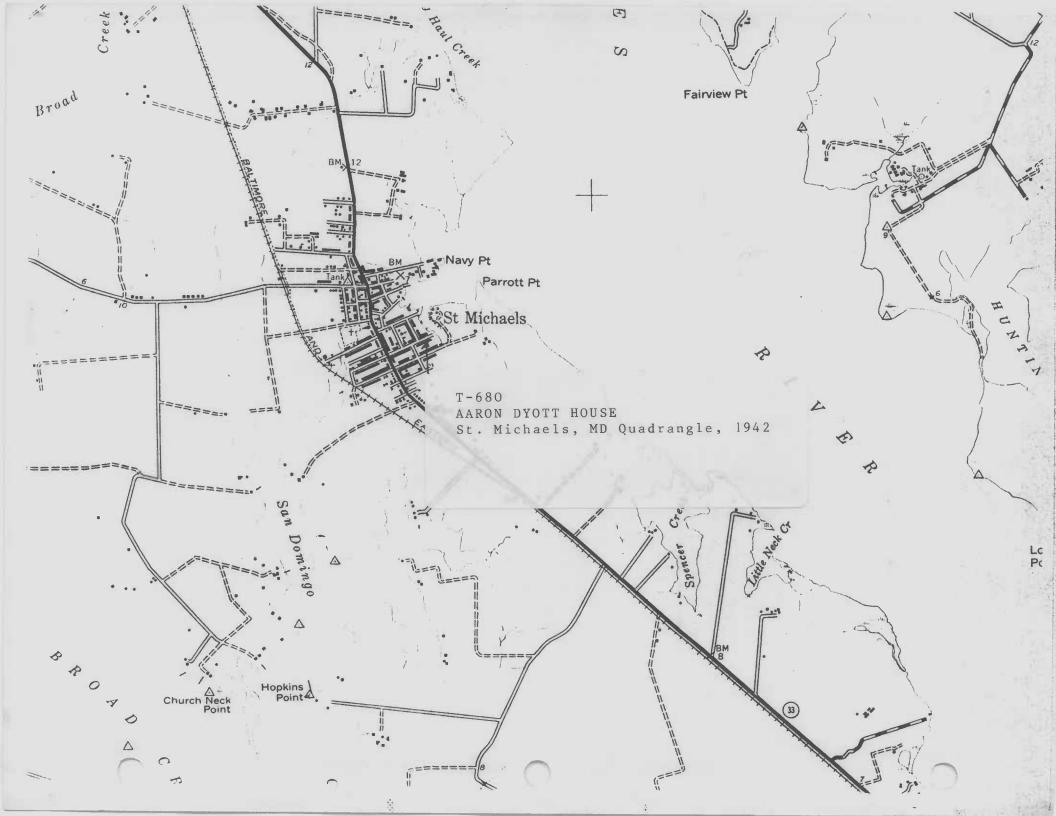
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